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**Committee Bill No. 709**

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS )

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
OUTREACH COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Not later than October 1,  
2       2007, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
3       establish a community violence prevention outreach competitive grant  
4       program within available appropriations to provide violence  
5       prevention funding to municipalities. Each eligible municipality may  
6       apply to the office for such grant, at such time and in such manner as  
7       the secretary prescribes, provided that no award shall be made to a  
8       municipality with a population density of less than three thousand  
9       residents per square mile.

10       (b) Grants made under this section shall be used by municipalities  
11       to: (1) Hire and train youth community workers and local police force  
12       liaisons to: (A) Conduct case management; (B) mediate conflicts and  
13       implement strategies to address imminent violence; (C) collaborate to  
14       reduce violence on the streets and improve relations between police  
15       and the communities they serve; and (D) maintain an inventory of  
16       social service resources for the purposes of referring youth and others

17 to such resources; (2) provide for a rapid response twenty-four hours a  
18 day to all incidents (A) where youth and young adults are exposed to  
19 crimes, and (B) that are likely to lead to violent retaliation; (3) host  
20 community activities and forums to improve police relations with the  
21 communities they serve; (4) establish relations with community  
22 organizations that provide services to youth; (5) develop and  
23 disseminate a youth resource guide to parents, school professionals  
24 and police; (6) partner with local schools and community organizations  
25 to conduct youth awareness campaigns designed to reduce violence  
26 and promote involvement in enriching programs and activities; and (7)  
27 provide for or conduct training workshops to train youth community  
28 workers and community liaisons.

29 (c) Applicants shall include in their applications for a grant under  
30 this section: (1) A description of how each of the duties included in  
31 subsection (b) of this section will be implemented; and (2) a plan for  
32 identifying, measuring, evaluating and reporting on program  
33 outcomes.

34 (d) Not later than July 1, 2008, and each year thereafter, grant  
35 recipients shall submit to the secretary a report on the performance of  
36 the program based on the evaluation identified in subdivision (2) of  
37 subsection (c) of this section.

38 (e) Not later than October 1, 2008, and each year thereafter, the  
39 secretary shall submit a report to the Governor and the joint standing  
40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
41 relating to public safety and the select committee of the General  
42 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on the  
43 outcomes of the grant program established under this section in  
44 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes. The report shall  
45 include recommendations concerning: (1) Improving or reforming the  
46 community violence prevention outreach program; (2) whether such  
47 program should be continued, expanded or otherwise utilized to  
48 reduce youth violence and promote enriching activities; and (3) the

49 transferability of program strategies to other municipalities in  
50 Connecticut experiencing frequent occurrences of youth violence.

51 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated  
52 to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, from the General Fund,  
53 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of a grant to  
54 regional workforce development boards for the creation of summer  
55 work programs for low income youth in distressed municipalities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a community violence prevention outreach competitive grant program to restore community policing programs and improve connections between public safety leaders and youth and to appropriate funds for a grant to regional workforce development boards.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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